

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0005] -- The afore-stated problem is solved according to the invention by ~~the~~ features set forth in the characterizing part of claim 1 a tensioner for a traction drive, in particular a belt drive, with a rotationally fixed housing having one end formed with a recess for arrangement of a bearing receptacle, for receiving and guiding an axle which is connected to a swivel arm arranged on the side of the housing, wherein a rotatable tension roller is arranged on the free end of the swivel arm and disposed upon the traction drive, and a torsion spring in concentric surrounding relationship to the bearing receptacle between the housing and the swivel arm for loading the swivel arm in the direction of an end position and thereby simultaneously axially spreading apart these components, wherein a friction disk is connected to the swivel arm and is urged in forced engagement with the housing for realizing a dampened adjusting movement, characterized in that at least one elastic insert fills over an axial partial length of the torsion spring a circular ring shaped space which is radially defined by a portion of the housing and the torsion spring.--.

Delete paragraph [0007] completely.

Delete page 13 completely.

Page 14, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following claims:

19. (New) A tensioner for a traction drive, comprising:
 - a housing having an interior space;
 - a swivel arm, mounted on an axle which is guided by an inner housing wall, for supporting a rotatable tension roller interacting with the traction drive;
 - a torsion spring disposed in the interior space between the housing and the swivel arm for loading the swivel arm to seek an end position;
 - a friction disk connected to the swivel arm and urged in forced engagement with the housing for realizing a dampened adjusting movement; and
 - at least one elastic insert received in the interior space between the torsion spring and a confronting surface of the inner housing wall and extending over an axial partial length of the torsion spring.
20. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is placed between an inside area of the torsion spring and the inner housing wall.
21. (New) The tensioner of claim 20, and further comprising a second said insert placed in the interior space between an outside of the torsion spring and a confronting surface of an outer housing wall.

22. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an inner diameter which is smaller than an outer diameter of the inner housing wall.
23. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an outer diameter is greater than an inner diameter of the torsion spring.
24. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an inner diameter which is smaller than an outer diameter of the torsion spring.
25. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has a tubular configuration.
26. (New) The tensioner of claim 25, wherein the insert, when viewed in half-section, has a U-shaped profile with walls substantially in parallel relationship.
27. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein the walls of the insert have different lengths.
28. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein one of the walls of the insert rests against the torsion spring and is provided with at least one elongate slot.
29. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein one of the walls of the insert is shorter and circumscribes an outer surface area of the inner housing wall.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant submits herewith additional new claims 19 to 37 so as to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. The surcharge for presenting seventeen claims in excess of twenty is enclosed.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it in proper form and language and to remove any reference to a particular claim number. No new matter has been added.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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